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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *23 June 2008*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-45* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-45* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 06/23/2008 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-45 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 1, 18, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 35, 36, and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The above claims have been amended with the following limitation, "suitable and unsuitable." This limitation constitutes new matter.

Applicants state in the Remarks that suitability may be determined by whether the location is stale or cannot meet position quality of service requirements. However, such disclosure is not present in the specification and the disclosure "...whether the location is stale or cannot meet position quality of service requirements" does not apply to suitability in the specification.

Note: Suitability and unsuitability will interpreted as understood by Examiner.

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 23 recites the limitation "the program" in the second line of the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Note: For the process of examination, "the program" will be interpreted as "the program product."

Claim Objections

6. Claim 23 is objected to because of the following informalities:

The claim begins with "product" and transitions to "program."

Examiner respectfully invites applicants to specify which one of the two, i.e., "product" or "program," is being claimed. Also, Applicants needs to show where in the specification is there a description of what constitutes a product.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1, 5-9, 11-18, 21-25, 29-32, 34-36, 42-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Papadimitriou et al. (Papadimitriou), U.S. Patent No. 6385458 in view of Fitch et al. (Fitch), US 20020077119 A1.

Regarding claim 1, Papadimitriou discloses a method of providing location services (LCS) (see abstract), comprising: receiving a request for location information for a mobile station (see col. 5, lines 56-67); performing location determination via a first set of at least one network entity to obtain suitable location information for the mobile station (see col. 5, lines 56 - 64; col. 6, lines 23-30); and performing location disclosure via a second set of at least one network entity to provide the suitable location information for the mobile station (see col. 6, lines 41-55).

Papadimitriou does disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a user request location information and determining whether present location

information for the mobile station is undesirable or desirable responsive to receiving request (one skilled in the art would immediately envision that the request is a request for location update which would be that previous location information of the mobile station is no longer valid, i.e., unsuitable, and there is a need for an updated location information, i.e., suitable location information (e.g., step of determining whether the present location information for the mobile station is suitable or unsuitable)) (see col. 5, lines 56-67).

Papadimitriou, however, does not specifically disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein the location determination step is skipped when the present location information for the mobile station is available and suitable.

However, Fitch discloses a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a wireless location interface (WLI) 224 that allows wireless location applications 226, 228 and 230 to selectively access information stored in the LC 220 or prompt one or more of LFEs 202, 204 and/or 206 to initiate a location determination. The WLI 224 provides a standard format for submitting location requests to the LM 214 and receiving responses from the LM 214 independent of the location finding technology employed. In this manner, the applications can make use of the best or most appropriate location information available originating from any available LFE source without concern for LFE dependent data formats or compatibility issues (see paragraph 59).

Fitch also discloses that a location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache (LC). This occurs, for example, where the cached data satisfies the request specification or the request specifically seeks data from the LC (see paragraph 64).

One skilled in the art would unhesitatingly conceptualize that if the location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache, the location determination will

not be initiated, hence the location determination will be skipped.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described by Fitch with the teachings as described by Papadimitriou to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to allow a very fast response to the request (see paragraph 64).

Regarding claim 5, Papadimitriou discloses a method, wherein the location determination and the location disclosure are performed in two separate LCS sessions (see col. 5, lines 56 -64 col. 6, lines 23-30; col. 6, lines 41-55).

Regarding claim 6, Papadimitriou discloses a method further comprising: caching the location information for the mobile station, and wherein the location disclosure is performed using the cached location information for the mobile station (i.e., Papadimitriou discloses an MSC in both the originating and the destination networks, which include a VLR for maintaining a register of information (location information is stored in the register) for all mobile phone currently served by the respective network. Furthermore, a disclosed LMU, which measures the distance between the mobile phone and the LMU and reports the distance to a base station controller. The network is connected through the MSC to a GMLC. The GMLC interfaces to users of a location service that is seeking the location of a mobile phone, performs user authorization tasks, and forwards positioning request to the mobile phone's current mobile network (see col. 1, lines 49-65, col. 2, lines 11-24). Also, Refer to Fitch paragraphs 59 and 64, which disclose location disclosure performed using cached location information for the mobile station.

Regarding claim 7, Papadimitriou discloses a method, wherein the first set of at least one network entity is located in a serving network for the mobile station (see col. 1, lines 66-67, and

col. 2, lines 1-5) and the second set of at least one network entity is located in a home network for the mobile station (see col. 1, lines 45-57).

Regarding claim 8, Papadimitriou discloses a method, wherein the location disclosure is performed by a location client and a location server (i.e., a method is disclosed in which a computer program has a location request module for receiving a location request from a user, a location request processing module that makes a location estimate with an accuracy based on a priority level associated with the user, and a terminal device location estimation reporting module that communicates the location estimate to the user) (see col. 4, lines 63-67, and col. 5, lines 1-2).

Regarding claim 9, Papadimitriou discloses a method, wherein the second set of at least one network entity includes an LCS provider (i.e., GMLC) (see col. 1, lines 60-65), and wherein the location client is located in the mobile station (i.e., as understood from the specification, the location client requests location information; with Papadimitriou discloses that the GMLC interfaces to users of a location service that is seeking the location of a mobile phone, one skilled in the art would unhesitatingly conceptualize that the location client is located in the mobile station) (see col. 1 lines 60-63).

Regarding claim 11, Papadimitriou discloses a method (refer to claim 1 reasoning), wherein the first set of at least one network entity includes a position determining entity (PDE) (i.e., LMU) (see col. 6, lines 28-30)

Regarding claim 12, Papadimitriou discloses a method (refer to claim 11 reasoning), wherein the first set of at least one network entity further includes a serving mobile positioning center (SMPC) (i.e., SMLC) (see col. 5, lines 5-9).

Regarding claim 13, Papadimitriou discloses a method as described in claim 11 reasoning.

Although Papadimitriou discloses a method as described above, Papadimitriou fails to specifically disclose a method wherein the first set of at least one network entity further includes a home authentication, authorization, and accounting (H-AAA) entity.

However, Papadimitriou discloses a method wherein at GMLC interfaces to users of a location service that is seeking the location of a mobile phone or other terminal device, performs user authorization tasks, and also forwards positioning requests to the mobile phone's current mobile network.

Therefore, (giving the fact that the GMLC performs user authorization tasks) it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to modify the method so that it could include a home authentication, authorization, and accounting (H-AAA) entity. Such modification would have been considered a mere design consideration, which fails to patentably distinguish from the prior art.

Regarding claim 14, Papadimitriou discloses a method (refer to reasoning of claim 1), wherein the second set of at least one network entity includes an LCS server (i.e., LCS algorithm) (see col. 5, lines 47-48).

Regarding claim 15, Papadimitriou discloses a method as described in claim 11 reasoning.

Although Papadimitriou discloses a method as described above, Papadimitriou fails to specifically disclose a method wherein the second set of at least one network entity further includes a home authentication, authorization, and accounting (H-AAA) entity.

However, Papadimitriou discloses a method wherein at GMLC interfaces to users of a location service that is seeking the location of a mobile phone or other terminal device, performs user authorization tasks, and also forwards positioning requests to the mobile phone's current mobile network.

Therefore, (giving the fact that the GMLC performs user authorization tasks) it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to modify the method so that it could include a home authentication, authorization, and accounting (H-AAA) entity. Such modification would have been considered a mere design consideration, which fails to patentably distinguish from the prior art.

Regarding claim 16, Papadimitriou discloses a method as described in the reasoning of claim 1, wherein the location information for the mobile station comprises a location estimate for the mobile station (see abstract).

Regarding claim 17, Papadimitriou discloses a method as described in the reasoning of claim 1, wherein the location information for the mobile station comprises an uncertainty for the location estimate for the mobile station (i.e., Papadimitriou discloses the primary task of the SMLC is to decide upon a positioning method to use to estimate the location of a mobile phone. Furthermore, knowing that estimation can be considered as a rough calculation, both uncertainty and accuracy may be comprised in estimation) (see col. 2, lines 5-8).

Regarding claim 18, Papadimitriou discloses an apparatus (also refer to claim 1 rejection) comprising: means for receiving a request for location information for a mobile station (see abstract and col. 5, lines 56-67); means for performing location determination via a first set of at least one network entity to obtain desirable location information for the mobile station (see col. 5, lines 56 -64; col. 6, lines 23-30); and means for performing location disclosure via a second

set of at least one network entity to provide the desirable location information for the mobile station (see col. 6, lines 41-55

Papadimitriou does disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a user request location information and determining whether present location information for the mobile station is undesirable or desirable responsive to receiving request (one skilled in the art would immediately envision that the request is a request for location update which would be that previous location information of the mobile station is no longer valid, i.e., unsuitable, and there is a need for an updated location information, i.e., suitable location information (e.g., step of determining whether the present location information for the mobile station is suitable or unsuitable)) (see col. 5, lines 56-67).

Papadimitriou, however, does not specifically disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein the location determination step is skipped when the present location information for the mobile station is available and suitable.

However, Fitch discloses a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a wireless location interface (WLI) 224 that allows wireless location applications 226, 228 and 230 to selectively access information stored in the LC 220 or prompt one or more of LFEs 202, 204 and/or 206 to initiate a location determination. The WLI 224 provides a standard format for submitting location requests to the LM 214 and receiving responses from the LM 214 independent of the location finding technology employed. In this manner, the applications can make use of the best or most appropriate location information available originating from any available LFE source without concern for LFE dependent data formats or compatibility issues (see paragraph 59).

Fitch also discloses that a location request can be responded to based on the data stored in

the location cache (LC). This occurs, for example, where the cached data satisfies the request specification or the request specifically seeks data from the LC (see paragraph 64).

One skilled in the art would unhesitatingly conceptualize that if the location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache, the location determination will not be initiated, hence the location determination will be skipped.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described by Fitch with the teachings as described by Papadimitriou to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to allow a very fast response to the request (see paragraph 64).

Regarding claim 21, Papadimitriou discloses an apparatus further comprising: caching the location information for the mobile station, and wherein the location disclosure is performed using the cached location information for the mobile station (i.e., Papadimitriou discloses an MSC (in both the originating and the destination networks) which include a VLR for maintaining a register of information (location information is stored in the register) for all mobile phone currently served by the respective network. Furthermore, a disclosed LMU, which measures the distance between the mobile phone and the LMU and reports the distance to a base station controller. The network is connected through the MSC to a GMLC. The GMLC interfaces to users of a location service that is seeking the location of a mobile phone, performs user authorization tasks, and forwards positioning request to the mobile phone's current mobile network (see col. 1, lines 49-65, col. 2, lines 11-24). Also, Refer to Fitch paragraphs 59 and 64, which disclose location disclosure performed using cached location information for the mobile station.

Regarding claim 22, Papadimitriou discloses a wireless mobile station (i.e. terminal

device) (see abstract and refer to claim 1 rejection) comprising (i.e., that implements): a processor (an inherently integral part of the mobile station) operative to receive a request for location information for the mobile station (see col. 5, lines 56-67); perform a first function to obtain location information for the mobile station and to perform a second function to provide the desirable location information, wherein the first function interacts with at least one peer first function located in a first set of at least one network entity to obtain the desirable location information, and wherein the second function interacts with at least one peer second function located in a second set of at least one network entity to provide the desirable location information (see col. 5, lines 56 -64; col. 6, lines 23-30; col. 6, lines 41-55; also refer to reasoning of claim 1).

Papadimitriou does disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a user request location information and determining whether present location information for the mobile station is undesirable or desirable responsive to receiving request (one skilled in the art would immediately envision that the request is a request for location update which would be that previous location information of the mobile station is no longer valid, i.e., unsuitable, and there is a need for an updated location information, i.e., suitable location information (e.g., step of determining whether the present location information for the mobile station is suitable or unsuitable)) (see col. 5, lines 56-67).

Papadimitriou, however, does not specifically disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein the location determination step is skipped when the present location information for the mobile station is available and suitable.

However, Fitch discloses a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a wireless location interface (WLI) 224 that allows wireless location applications 226,

228 and 230 to selectively access information stored in the LC 220 or prompt one or more of LFEs 202, 204 and/or 206 to initiate a location determination. The WLI 224 provides a standard format for submitting location requests to the LM 214 and receiving responses from the LM 214 independent of the location finding technology employed. In this manner, the applications can make use of the best or most appropriate location information available originating from any available LFE source without concern for LFE dependent data formats or compatibility issues (see paragraph 59).

Fitch also discloses that a location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache (LC). This occurs, for example, where the cached data satisfies the request specification or the request specifically seeks data from the LC (see paragraph 64).

One skilled in the art would unhesitatingly conceptualize that if the location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache, the location determination will not be initiated, hence the location determination will be skipped.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described by Fitch with the teachings as described by Papadimitriou to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to allow a very fast response to the request (see paragraph 64).

Regarding claim 23, Papadimitriou discloses a computer readable medium comprising executable instructions to: receive a request for location information for the mobile station (see col. 5, lines 56-67); perform a first function to obtain desirable location information for the mobile station, wherein the first function interacts with at least one peer first function located in a first set of at least one network entity to obtain the location information; and perform a second function to provide the desirable location information, wherein the second function interacts with

at least one peer second function located in a second set of at least one network entity to provide the desirable location information (see col. 4, lines 60-67; col. 5, lines 56 -64; col. 6, lines 23-30; col. 6, lines 41-55; also refer to reasoning of claim 1).

Papadimitriou does disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a user request location information and determining whether present location information for the mobile station is undesirable or desirable responsive to receiving request (one skilled in the art would immediately envision that the request is a request for location update which would be that previous location information of the mobile station is no longer valid, i.e., unsuitable, and there is a need for an updated location information, i.e., suitable location information (e.g., step of determining whether the present location information for the mobile station is suitable or unsuitable)) (see col. 5, lines 56-67).

Papadimitriou, however, does not specifically disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein the location determination step is skipped when the present location information for the mobile station is available and suitable.

However, Fitch discloses a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a wireless location interface (WLI) 224 that allows wireless location applications 226, 228 and 230 to selectively access information stored in the LC 220 or prompt one or more of LFEs 202, 204 and/or 206 to initiate a location determination. The WLI 224 provides a standard format for submitting location requests to the LM 214 and receiving responses from the LM 214 independent of the location finding technology employed. In this manner, the applications can make use of the best or most appropriate location information available originating from any available LFE source without concern for LFE dependent data formats or compatibility issues (see paragraph 59).

Fitch also discloses that a location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache (LC). This occurs, for example, where the cached data satisfies the request specification or the request specifically seeks data from the LC (see paragraph 64).

One skilled in the art would unhesitatingly conceptualize that if the location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache, the location determination will not be initiated, hence the location determination will be skipped.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described by Fitch with the teachings as described by Papadimitriou to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to allow a very fast response to the request (see paragraph 64).

Regarding claim 24, Papadimitriou discloses a method of providing location services (LCS) (see abstract), comprising: receiving a request for location information for the mobile station (see col. 5, lines 56-67); performing location determination via a first LCS session to obtain location information for a mobile station (see col. 5, lines 56 -64; col. 6, lines 23-30); and performing location disclosure via a second LCS session to provide the location information for the mobile station (see col. 6, lines 41-55).

Papadimitriou does disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a user request location information and determining whether present location information for the mobile station is undesirable or desirable responsive to receiving request (one skilled in the art would immediately envision that the request is a request for location update which would be that previous location information of the mobile station is no longer valid, i.e., unsuitable, and there is a need for an updated location information, i.e., suitable location information (e.g., step of determining whether the present location information for the mobile

station is suitable or unsuitable)) (see col. 5, lines 56-67).

Papadimitriou, however, does not specifically disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein the location determination step is skipped when the present location information for the mobile station is available and suitable.

However, Fitch discloses a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a wireless location interface (WLI) 224 that allows wireless location applications 226, 228 and 230 to selectively access information stored in the LC 220 or prompt one or more of LFEs 202, 204 and/or 206 to initiate a location determination. The WLI 224 provides a standard format for submitting location requests to the LM 214 and receiving responses from the LM 214 independent of the location finding technology employed. In this manner, the applications can make use of the best or most appropriate location information available originating from any available LFE source without concern for LFE dependent data formats or compatibility issues (see paragraph 59).

Fitch also discloses that a location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache (LC). This occurs, for example, where the cached data satisfies the request specification or the request specifically seeks data from the LC (see paragraph 64).

One skilled in the art would unhesitatingly conceptualize that if the location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache, the location determination will not be initiated, hence the location determination will be skipped.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described by Fitch with the teachings as described by Papadimitriou to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to allow a very fast response to the request (see paragraph 64).

Regarding claim 25, Papadimitriou discloses a method (refer to reasoning of claim 24), wherein the first and second LCS sessions are performed at different times (see col. 5, lines 56 - 64; col. 6, lines 23-30; col. 6, lines 41-55).

Regarding claim 29, Papadimitriou discloses an apparatus comprising: means for receiving a request for location information for a mobile station (see col. 5, lines 56-67); means for performing location determination via a first LCS session to obtain desirable location information for the mobile station (see col. 5, lines 56 -64; col. 6, lines 23-30); and means for performing location disclosure via a second LCS session to provide the desirable location information for the mobile station (see col. 6, lines 41-55).

Papadimitriou does disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a user request location information and determining whether present location information for the mobile station is undesirable or desirable responsive to receiving request (one skilled in the art would immediately envision that the request is a request for location update which would be that previous location information of the mobile station is no longer valid, i.e., unsuitable, and there is a need for an updated location information, i.e., suitable location information (e.g., step of determining whether the present location information for the mobile station is suitable or unsuitable)) (see col. 5, lines 56-67).

Papadimitriou, however, does not specifically disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein the location determination step is skipped when the present location information for the mobile station is available and suitable.

However, Fitch discloses a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a wireless location interface (WLI) 224 that allows wireless location applications 226, 228 and 230 to selectively access information stored in the LC 220 or prompt one or more of

LFEs 202, 204 and/or 206 to initiate a location determination. The WLI 224 provides a standard format for submitting location requests to the LM 214 and receiving responses from the LM 214 independent of the location finding technology employed. In this manner, the applications can make use of the best or most appropriate location information available originating from any available LFE source without concern for LFE dependent data formats or compatibility issues (see paragraph 59).

Fitch also discloses that a location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache (LC). This occurs, for example, where the cached data satisfies the request specification or the request specifically seeks data from the LC (see paragraph 64).

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described by Fitch with the teachings as described by Papadimitriou to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to allow a very fast response to the request (see paragraph 64).

Regarding claim 30, Papadimitriou discloses a method of providing location services (LCS), comprising: obtaining location information for a mobile station (i.e., a user request the location of a terminal device; the LMUs return the location estimate to the GMLC in a LMU response step. Then in a report location estimate step, the GMLC sends the location estimate) (see col. 5, lines 56-57; col. 6, lines 51-56); providing the desirable location information to a first application (i.e., originating network) (see col. 1, line 26); and providing the desirable location information to a second application (destination network) (see col. 1, lines 34-36).

Papadimitriou does disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a user request location information and determining whether present location information for the mobile station is undesirable or desirable responsive to receiving request (one skilled in the art would immediately envision that the request is a request for location update which would be that previous location information of the mobile station is no longer valid, i.e., unsuitable, and there is a need for an updated location information, i.e., suitable location information (e.g., step of determining whether the present location information for the mobile station is suitable or unsuitable)) (see col. 5, lines 56-67).

Papadimitriou, however, does not specifically disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein the location determination step is skipped when the present location information for the mobile station is available and suitable.

However, Fitch discloses a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a wireless location interface (WLI) 224 that allows wireless location applications 226, 228 and 230 to selectively access information stored in the LC 220 or prompt one or more of LFEs 202, 204 and/or 206 to initiate a location determination. The WLI 224 provides a standard format for submitting location requests to the LM 214 and receiving responses from the LM 214 independent of the location finding technology employed. In this manner, the applications can make use of the best or most appropriate location information available originating from any available LFE source without concern for LFE dependent data formats or compatibility issues (see paragraph 59).

Fitch also discloses that a location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache (LC). This occurs, for example, where the cached data satisfies the request specification or the request specifically seeks data from the LC (see paragraph 64).

One skilled in the art would unhesitatingly conceptualize that if the location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache, the location determination will not be initiated, hence the location determination will be skipped.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described by Fitch with the teachings as described by Papadimitriou to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to allow a very fast response to the request (see paragraph 64).

Regarding claim 31, Papadimitriou discloses a method as described in claim 30 reasoning. Papadimitriou also discloses a method wherein the location information is obtained by performing location determination once via one location determination session (see col. 5, lines 56 -64; col. 6, lines 23-30).

Although Papadimitriou discloses a method as described above, Papadimitriou fails to specifically disclose a method wherein the location information is provided to the first and second applications by performing location disclosure twice via two location disclosure sessions.

However, Papadimitriou discloses a method for providing location information to a first application, and to a second application (see claim 30 reasoning as referred to this claim).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to logically consider, giving the fact that applicant does not disclose the procedure for performing location disclosure twice via two location disclosure sessions, Papadimitriou disclosure of providing location information to the stated applications is achieved in two sessions. Furthermore, giving the fact that applicant does not disclose the procedure for performing location disclosure twice via two location disclosure sessions; it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Papadimitriou to perform according to the

claimed invention. Such modification would have been considered a mere design consideration, which fails to patentably distinguish from the prior art.

Regarding claim 32, Papadimitriou discloses a method refer to claim 30 reasoning) further comprising: caching the location information in mobile station or a network entity (i.e., Papadimitriou discloses an MSC in both the originating and the destination networks which include a VLR for maintaining a register of information (location information is stored in the register) for all mobile phone currently served by the respective network) (see col. 1, lines 49-65).

Regarding claim 34, Papadimitriou discloses a method (refer to claim 30 reasoning) wherein the first application is located in a first network (see col. 1, lines 41-47) and the second application is located in a second network (see col. 2, lines 18-25).

Regarding claim 35, Papadimitriou discloses an apparatus comprising: means for obtaining location information for a mobile station (i.e., a user request the location of a terminal device; the LMUs return the location estimate to the GMLC in a LMU response step. Then in a report location estimate step, the GMLC sends the location estimate) (see col. 5, lines 56-57; col. 6, lines 51-56); means for providing the desirable location information to a first application (i.e., originating network) (see col. 1, line 26); and means for providing the desirable location information to a second application (destination network) (see col. 1, lines 34-36).

Papadimitriou does disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a user request location information and determining whether present location information for the mobile station is undesirable or desirable responsive to receiving request (one skilled in the art would immediately envision that the request is a request for location update which would be that previous location information of the mobile station is no longer valid, i.e.,

unsuitable, and there is a need for an updated location information, i.e., suitable location information (e.g., step of determining whether the present location information for the mobile station is suitable or unsuitable)) (see col. 5, lines 56-67).

Papadimitriou, however, does not specifically disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein the location determination step is skipped when the present location information for the mobile station is available and suitable.

However, Fitch discloses a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a wireless location interface (WLI) 224 that allows wireless location applications 226, 228 and 230 to selectively access information stored in the LC 220 or prompt one or more of LFEs 202, 204 and/or 206 to initiate a location determination. The WLI 224 provides a standard format for submitting location requests to the LM 214 and receiving responses from the LM 214 independent of the location finding technology employed. In this manner, the applications can make use of the best or most appropriate location information available originating from any available LFE source without concern for LFE dependent data formats or compatibility issues (see paragraph 59).

Fitch also discloses that a location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache (LC). This occurs, for example, where the cached data satisfies the request specification or the request specifically seeks data from the LC (see paragraph 64).

One skilled in the art would unhesitatingly conceptualize that if the location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache, the location determination will not be initiated, hence the location determination will be skipped.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described by Fitch with the teachings as described by

Papadimitriou to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to allow a very fast response to the request (see paragraph 64).

Regarding claim 36, Papadimitriou discloses a method of providing location services (LCS), comprising: receiving a request for location information for a mobile station (see col. 5, lines 56-67); performing location determination via at least one network entity in a serving network to obtain desirable location information for a mobile station (see col. 1, lines 66-67, and col. 2, lines 1-5; col. 5, lines 56 -64; col. 6, lines 23-30); and performing location disclosure via at least one network entity in a home network to provide the desirable location information for the mobile station (see col. 1, lines 45-57; col. 6, lines 41-55).

A Papadimitriou does disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a user request location information and determining whether present location information for the mobile station is undesirable or desirable responsive to receiving request (one skilled in the art would immediately envision that the request is a request for location update which would be that previous location information of the mobile station is no longer valid, i.e., unsuitable, and there is a need for an updated location information, i.e., suitable location information (e.g., step of determining whether the present location information for the mobile station is suitable or unsuitable)) (see col. 5, lines 56-67).

Papadimitriou, however, does not specifically disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein the location determination step is skipped when the present location information for the mobile station is available and suitable.

However, Fitch discloses a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a wireless location interface (WLI) 224 that allows wireless location applications 226, 228 and 230 to selectively access information stored in the LC 220 or prompt one or more of

LFEs 202, 204 and/or 206 to initiate a location determination. The WLI 224 provides a standard format for submitting location requests to the LM 214 and receiving responses from the LM 214 independent of the location finding technology employed. In this manner, the applications can make use of the best or most appropriate location information available originating from any available LFE source without concern for LFE dependent data formats or compatibility issues (see paragraph 59).

Fitch also discloses that a location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache (LC). This occurs, for example, where the cached data satisfies the request specification or the request specifically seeks data from the LC (see paragraph 64).

One skilled in the art would unhesitatingly conceptualize that if the location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache, the location determination will not be initiated, hence the location determination will be skipped.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described by Fitch with the teachings as described by Papadimitriou to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to allow a very fast response to the request (see paragraph 64).

Regarding claim 42, Papadimitriou discloses a method further comprising: caching the location information in the mobile station, a network entity in the serving network, a network entity in the home network, or a combination thereof (see col. 1, lines 49-65).

Regarding claim 43, Papadimitriou discloses an apparatus comprising: means for receiving a request for location information for a mobile station (see col. 5, lines 56-67); means for performing location determination via at least one network entity in a serving network to obtain desirable location information for the mobile station (see col. 1, lines 66-67, and col. 2,

lines 1-5; col. 5, lines 56 -64; col. 6, lines 23-30); and means for performing location disclosure via at least one network entity in a home network to provide the desirable location information for the mobile station (see col. 1, lines 45-57; col. 6, lines 41-55).

Papadimitriou does disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a user request location information and determining whether present location information for the mobile station is undesirable or desirable responsive to receiving request (one skilled in the art would immediately envision that the request is a request for location update which would be that previous location information of the mobile station is no longer valid, i.e., unsuitable, and there is a need for an updated location information, i.e., suitable location information (e.g., step of determining whether the present location information for the mobile station is suitable or unsuitable)) (see col. 5, lines 56-67).

Papadimitriou, however, does not specifically disclose a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein the location determination step is skipped when the present location information for the mobile station is available and suitable.

However, Fitch discloses a method, apparatus, system, mobile station, and medium wherein a wireless location interface (WLI) 224 that allows wireless location applications 226, 228 and 230 to selectively access information stored in the LC 220 or prompt one or more of LFEs 202, 204 and/or 206 to initiate a location determination. The WLI 224 provides a standard format for submitting location requests to the LM 214 and receiving responses from the LM 214 independent of the location finding technology employed. In this manner, the applications can make use of the best or most appropriate location information available originating from any available LFE source without concern for LFE dependent data formats or compatibility issues (see paragraph 59).

Fitch also discloses that a location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache (LC). This occurs, for example, where the cached data satisfies the request specification or the request specifically seeks data from the LC (see paragraph 64).

One skilled in the art would unhesitatingly conceptualize that if the location request can be responded to based on the data stored in the location cache, the location determination will not be initiated, hence the location determination will be skipped.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described by Fitch with the teachings as described by Papadimitriou to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to allow a very fast response to the request (see paragraph 64).

9. Claims 2-4, and 19-20, 26-27, 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Papadimitriou and Fitch further in view of Horn et al. (Horn), U.S. Patent No. 6064741.

Regarding claim 2, the combination discloses a method as described above (refer to claim 1 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses a method as recited above, the combination does not specifically disclose a method further comprising: performing authentication and authorization for location determination based on a first security procedure; and performing authentication and authorization for location disclosure based on a second security procedure.

However, Horn discloses a method for the exchange of cryptographic keys in a network computer unit an in a user computer unit, in which the following security mechanism is realized:

agreement on the key between the user and the network with mutual implicit authentication, i.e. the method achieves the effect that, after completion of the procedure, a joint secret session key is available, of which each party knows that only the authentic counterpart can likewise be in possession of the secret session key (i.e., authentication and key agreement) (see col. 3, lines 44-50). Furthermore, a session key is calculated by the bit-by-bit application of the exclusive-OR function to the first interim key and the second interim key. A first response is formed by encoding a user constant, which is known both to the user computer and to the network computer unit, with the session key using a symmetric cryptographic function or a hash function or a one-way function. MD5 algorithm is a known n hash function (see col. 5, lines 20-41).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to insure the security of the location determination/disclosure procedure.

Regarding claim 3, the combination discloses a method as described in claim 2 reasoning.

Although the combination discloses a method as recited above, the combination does not specifically disclose a method, wherein the first security procedure is based on an MD-5 algorithm and the second security procedure is based on an Authentication and Key Agreement (AKA) procedure.

However, Horn discloses security measures based on both MD-5 algorithm and Authentication and Key Agreement (AKA) (see col. 3, lines 44-50; col. 5, lines 20-41).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to insure the security of the location determination/disclosure

procedure.

Regarding claim 4, the combination discloses a method as described above (seen claim 1 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses a method as recited above, the combination does not specifically disclose a method, further comprising: performing a first session key setup to obtain a first session key, wherein the first session key is used for authentication and encryption of messages exchanged with the first set of at least one network entity; and performing a second session key setup to obtain a second session key, wherein the second session key is used for authentication and encryption of messages exchanged with the second set of at least one network entity.

However, Horn discloses a method wherein session key K is calculated by the bit-by-bit application of the exclusive-OR function to the first interim key K1 and the second interim key K2. A first response A is formed by encoding a user constant, which is known both to the user computer and to the network computer unit, with the session key using a function a symmetric cryptographic function or a hash function or a one-way function (see col. 5, lines 20-27).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to insure the security of the location determination/disclosure procedure.

Regarding claim 19, the combination discloses an apparatus as described above (refer to claim 18 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses an apparatus as recited above, the combination does not specifically disclose an apparatus further comprising: means for performing authentication

and authorization for location determination based on a first security procedure; and means for performing authentication and authorization for location disclosure based on a second security procedure.

However, Horn discloses an apparatus wherein the exchange of cryptographic keys in a network computer unit an in a user computer unit, in which the following security mechanism is realized: agreement on the key between the user and the network with mutual implicit authentication, i.e. the method achieves the effect that, after completion of the procedure, a joint secret session key is available, of which each party knows that only the authentic counterpart can likewise be in possession of the secret session key (i.e., authentication and key agreement) (see col. 3, lines 44-50). Furthermore, a session key is calculated by the bit-by-bit application of the exclusive-OR function to the first interim key and the second interim key. A first response is formed by encoding a user constant, which is known both to the user computer and to the network computer unit, with the session key using a symmetric cryptographic function or a hash function or a one-way function. MD5 algorithm is a known n hash function (see col. 5, lines 20-41).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to insure the security of the location determination/disclosure procedure.

Regarding claim 20, the combination discloses an apparatus as described above (seen claim 18 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses an apparatus as recited above, the combination does not specifically disclose an apparatus, further comprising: means for performing a first session

key setup to obtain a first session key, wherein the first session key is used for authentication and encryption of messages exchanged with the first set of at least one network entity; and means for performing a second session key setup to obtain a second session key, wherein the second session key is used for authentication and encryption of messages exchanged with the second set of at least one network entity.

However, Horn discloses an apparatus wherein session key K is calculated by the bit-by-bit application of the exclusive-OR function to the first interim key K1 and the second interim key K2. A first response A is formed by encoding a user constant, which is known both to the user computer and to the network computer unit, with the session key using a function a symmetric cryptographic function or a hash function or a one-way function (see col. 5, lines 20-27).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to insure the security of the location determination/disclosure procedure.

Regarding claim 26, the combination discloses a method as described above (refer to claim 24 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses a method as recited above, the combination does not specifically disclose a method further comprising: performing authentication and authorization for location determination based on a first security procedure; and performing authentication and authorization for location disclosure based on a second security procedure.

However, Horn discloses a method for the exchange of cryptographic keys in a network computer unit an in a user computer unit, in which the following security mechanism is realized:

agreement on the key between the user and the network with mutual implicit authentication, i.e. the method achieves the effect that, after completion of the procedure, a joint secret session key is available, of which each party knows that only the authentic counterpart can likewise be in possession of the secret session key (i.e., authentication and key agreement) (see col. 3, lines 44-50). Furthermore, a session key is calculated by the bit-by-bit application of the exclusive-OR function to the first interim key and the second interim key. A first response is formed by encoding a user constant, which is known both to the user computer and to the network computer unit, with the session key using a symmetric cryptographic function or a hash function or a one-way function. MD5 algorithm is a known n hash function (see col. 5, lines 20-41).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to insure the security of the location determination/disclosure procedure.

Regarding claim 27, the combination discloses a method as described above (seen claim 24 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses a method as recited above, the combination does not specifically disclose a method, further comprising: performing a first session key setup to obtain a first session key for use in the first LCS session; and performing a second session key setup to obtain a second session key for use in the second LCS session.

However, Horn discloses a method wherein session key K is calculated by the bit-by-bit application of the exclusive-OR function to the first interim key K1 and the second interim key K2. A first response A is formed by encoding a user constant, which is known both to the user computer and to the network computer unit, with the session key using a function a symmetric

cryptographic function or a hash function or a one-way function (see col. 5, lines 20-27).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to insure the security of the location determination/disclosure procedure.

Regarding claim 37, the combination discloses a method as described above (seen claim 36 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses a method as recited above, the combination does not specifically disclose a method, further comprising: performing a first session key setup to obtain a first session key, wherein the first session key is used for authentication and encryption of messages exchanged with the at least one network entity in the serving network; and performing a second session key setup to obtain a second session key, wherein the second session key is used for authentication and encryption of messages exchanged with the at least one network entity in the home network.

However, Horn discloses a method wherein by-bit application of the exclusive-OR function to the first interim key K1 and the second interim key K2. A first response A is formed by encoding a user constant, which is known both to the user computer and to the network computer unit, with the session key using a function a symmetric cryptographic function or a hash function or a one-way function (see col. 5, lines 20-27).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to insure the security of the location determination/disclosure procedure.

10. Claims 10 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Papadimitriou and Fitch further in view of McDonnell et al. (McDonnell), Pub. No. 2002/0004399.

Regarding claim 10, the combination discloses a method as described in claim 8 reasoning (refer to claim 8 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses a method as recited above, the combination does not specifically disclose a method wherein the second set of at least one network entity includes an LCS server (i.e., LCS algorithm) (see col. 5, lines 47-48), The combination does not specifically disclose a method, wherein the location server is located in the mobile station or the LCS server.

However, McDonnell discloses a method the location-aware service may reside in the mobile entity whose location is of interest, in a network-connected service system, or even in another mobile entity (see page 3, paragraph 28).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to assist the system in making the necessary location determinations.

Regarding claim 41, the combination discloses a method as described in claim 36 reasoning (refer to claim 36 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses a method as recited above, The combination does not specifically disclose a method, further comprising: sending a message to the mobile station to trigger the mobile station to initiate a LCS session for performing location determination.

However, McDonnell discloses a method where the location determination may be triggered by the location server in response to the service request from the mobile entity or the

mobile entity may, immediately prior to making request, directly trigger BSC to effect a location determination and feed the result to location server (see page 3, paragraph 26).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to assist the system in making the necessary location determinations.

11. Claims 28 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Papadimitriou and Fitch further in view of Deloach et al. (Deloach), Pub. No. 2003/0125044.

Regarding claim 28, the combination discloses a method as described in claim 24 reasoning (refer to claim 24 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses a method as recited above, the combination does not specifically disclose a method, further comprising: providing a first call detail record (CDR) for the first LCS session; and providing a second CDR for the second LCS session.

However, Deloach discloses a method for the determination of the positions of wireless mobile stations in a mobile communication network, in which When there is a physical change in the cellular infrastructure or in the cellular infrastructure configuration, the base station almanac data base server maintains records in the base station almanac data base reflecting both the old and new conditions until all of the PDEs are switched over to the new conditions (see page 2, paragraph 16).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described, which are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor, to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have

been to ensure accuracy and completeness of the record.

Regarding claim 33, the combination discloses a method as described in claim 30 reasoning (refer to claim 30 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses a method as recited above, the combination does not specifically disclose a method, further comprising: providing a first call detail record (CDR) for providing the location information to the first application; and providing a second CDR for providing the location information to the second application.

However, Deloach discloses a method for the determination of the positions of wireless mobile stations in a mobile communication network, in which When there is a physical change in the cellular infrastructure or in the cellular infrastructure configuration, the base station almanac data base server maintains records in the base station almanac data base reflecting both the old and new conditions until all of the PDEs are switched over to the new conditions (see page 2, paragraph 16).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described, which are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor, to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to ensure accuracy and completeness of the record.

12. Claims 38-40 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Papadimitriou and Fitch further in view of Haverinen et al. (Haverinen), Pub. No. 2003/0119481.

Regarding claim 38, the combination discloses a method as described in claim 36 reasoning (refer to claim 36 reasoning), wherein the at least one network entity in the serving network includes a serving mobile positioning center (SMPC) (i.e., SMLC) (see col. 5, lines 5-

9).

Although the combination discloses a method as described above, The combination does not specifically disclose a method further comprising: determining an Internet Protocol (IP) address of the SMPC.

However, Haverinen discloses a method wherein after the MS has selected a PLMN, it can transmit a request to the local network BAN for setting up a connection with a network element according to the network element identifier linked with the identifier of the selected PLMN. The local network BAN finds out the IP address of the network element (see page 4, paragraph 43).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine both teachings, which are analogous, to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to provide a proper arrangement for the request procedure.

Regarding claim 39, the combination discloses a method as described in claim 36 reasoning (refer to claim 36 and 38 reasoning).

Although the combination discloses a method as described above, The combination does not specifically disclose a wherein the IP address of the SMPC is determined using a fully qualified domain name for the SMPC.

However, Haverinen discloses a method wherein The local network BAN finds out the IP address of the network element from the network identifier, which is typically a domain name, (see page 4, paragraph 43).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine both teachings, which are analogous, to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to provide a proper arrangement for the request procedure.

Regarding claim 40, the combination discloses a method (refer to claims 36, and 38 reasoning) wherein the location disclosure is performed via the SMPC (i.e., the GMLC communicates with a Serving Mobile Location Center (SMLC) via Mobile Application Part (MAP) messaging. The SMLC (i.e. SMPC) provides the network resources needed to process calls in the network, and particularly to locate a mobile phone, and is directly associated with the MSC communicating with a mobile station that is being located) (see col. 1, line 66-67; col. 2, lines 1-5).

13. Claims 44-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fitch in view of Horn.

Fitch discloses a method of providing location services (LCS) (see abstract), comprising: receiving a request for location disclosure (see paragraphs 59-63); determining whether cached location information is available (see paragraphs 59-64); if the cached location information is available, responding to the request for location disclosure with the location information (i.e., where the cached data satisfies the request specification or the request specifically seeks data from the LC, responds to the request using data stored in the location cache) (see paragraph 64. Also refer to paragraphs 59-63); if the cached location information is not available, initiating a request for location determination (see paragraphs 59-64); and communicating location information (see paragraphs 59-64).

Although Fitch discloses a method comprising communicating location information, Fitch does not specifically disclose a method wherein the communication is done through secure disclosure session which comprise authenticating and authorizing the request using a secure disclosure session and comprising receiving a request for a secure disclosure session key; and

providing the secure disclosure session key in response to successful authentication and validation of the request for the secure session key.

However, Horn discloses a method for the exchange of cryptographic keys in a network computer unit an in a user computer unit, in which the following security mechanism is realized: agreement on the key between the user and the network with mutual implicit authentication, i.e. the method achieves the effect that, after completion of the procedure, a joint secret session key is available, of which each party knows that only the authentic counterpart can likewise be in possession of the secret session key (i.e., authentication and key agreement) (see col. 3, lines 44-50). Furthermore, a session key is calculated by the bit-by-bit application of the exclusive-OR function to the first interim key and the second interim key. A first response is formed by encoding a user constant, which is known both to the user computer and to the network computer unit, with the session key using a symmetric cryptographic function or a hash function or a one-way function. MD5 algorithm is a known n hash function (see col. 5, lines 20-41).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation to do so would have been to insure the security of the location determination/disclosure procedure.

Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PIERRE-LOUIS DESIR whose telephone number is (571)272-7799. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00AM- 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dwayne Bost can be reached on (571)272-7023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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